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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 1096

SCDEF FOR ASD/ISA

CSAF FOR GEN JONES

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, SP, MARR  
SUBJECT: SPANISH AIR FORCE NEAR TERM AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS

REF: USCINCEUR 090915Z FEB 77

1. AS I HAD HOPED THAT APPROVAL WOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN  
FOR AT LEAST PART OF THE SPANISH AIR FORCE REQUIREMENT  
FOR RF-4C AIRCRAFT BASED ON EARLIER MESSAGES FROM  
CHIEF JUSMG/MAAG SPAIN WHICH HAD MY APPROVAL, I HAVE  
REFRAINED FROM SENDING ANY PERSONAL MESSAGES ON THIS  
SUBJECT. HOWEVER, I HAVE BEEN CONCERNED BY  
INDICATIONS THAT SUCH APPROVAL FOR AT LEAST FOUR  
RF-4C AIRCRAFT MIGHT NOT BE FORTHCOMING AND IN VIEW  
OF THE SIGNIFICANT VALUE SUCH A PROGRAM COULD HAVE  
FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN SPANISH AND US AIR FORCE,  
I NOW WISH TO ADD MY PERSONAL WORD URGING APPROVAL  
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FOR FOUR RF-4C AIRCRAFT.

2. I RECOGNIZE THE EXTRA EFFORT WHICH MAY HAVE TO BE  
MADE TO OBTAIN THESE AIRCRAFT FROM OUR EXISTING  
INVENTORY, BUT I FEEL THAT EXTRA EFFORT WOULD  
PAY DIVIDENDS IN TERMS OF OUR OVERALL POSTURE UNDER  
THE TREATY AND IN LIGHT OF SOME OF THE PROBLEMS

WHICH HAVE ARISEN (EVEN THOUGHT THEY ARE BY NO MEANS  
ALL OF OUR MAKING) IN CONNECTION WITH THE TREATY  
PROVISION WITH RESPECT TO THE EASE TO THE SPANISH  
OF F-4E AIRCRAFT FROM THE USAF INVENTORY.

3. IN MY VIEW THE APPROVAL OF FOUR RF-4C AIRCRAFT  
WILL NOT ONLY SATISFY THE STRONG SPANISH DESIRE FOR  
SUCH A RECONNAISSANCE CAPABILITY, BUT SHOULD FO A  
LONG WAY TO HELP US DIRECT SPANISH AIR FORCE  
ATTENTION DEFINITIAVELY TO WHAT IN OUR VIEW IS A  
FAR SOUNDER PROGRAM OF IMPROVING THEIR F-4C INVENTORY.

4. I HAVE DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF THE RF-4C  
AIRCRAFT WITH GEN HUYSER FURING HIS RECENT VISIT  
TO MADRID AND I AM GLAD THAT WE ARE IN COMPLETE  
AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO MAKING AVAILABLE TO THE  
SPANISH FORU RF-4C AIRCRAFT. I HAVE ALSO SEEN THE  
REFERENCED MESSAGE FROM USCINCEUR ON THIS MATTER.STABLER

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